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MILITARY INFO.

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1.- Tank Unit in DURRES.

A Unit of about 45 tanks and 5 armoured cars is stationed in the barracks located in place (CL 754-721) south-east of the point where the roads DURRES - KAVAJE and TIRANA - DURRES cross, and more concretely about 100 meters east of the railway and 100 meters south of the road (CL 760-728) leading to TIRANA.

The tanks are stationed under a parking shed while the armoured cars are out of it covered with a water-proof cloth.

There four different type of tanks all Russian make, some are identical to the Soviet tank type SY-76 and some like type T 34-85, showed in the booklet "Enemy guns & Equipment" and the others are tanks with Soviet make self-rotating guns which defer from each other as to the length of the barrel of the gun. The armoured cars are similar to the Soviet type B.A. -64 showed also in the a/m booklet.

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The unit has formed the opinion that there are tanks with a self-rotating gun

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b). Tank Unit in TIRANA.

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A Tank Unit is stationed in TIRANA, location, name, organization, code number etc. unknown.

Type of tanks armoured cars etc. are similar to those of the tank unit stationed in DURRES. [redacted] only one tank which was much bigger than the others [redacted]

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[redacted] every day 3 - 4 or more of them making manoeuvres out in the area east of place (CL 964-796) near the state tile works [redacted]

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MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.Newly built barracks in LUSHNJE.

The construction of barracks in LUSHNJE started in January 1, 1958 and ended in February 5, 1958. They are located right after the south-west end of village DUSHK (CL 898-404) and consist of 14 wooden houses in all the sides and top of which are covered with tar-paper. 12 out of them are of same type and dimensions i.e. 25x5x4 meters, and shelter the newly activated unit from men who had not served at all in the army and who were recruited in January 15-25, 1958. The other barrack which is of 70x10x4 m. dimensions is used as mess room for privates, and the last one which is 18x4x3 m. half of it used as entertainment quarters and in the other half are the detention cells.

The barracks are not surrounded by a fence. They are guarded by a unit of 100 men from the regular army.

Water comes from natural sources and from wells built by the unit, and electricity is produced by [redacted] in the barracks.

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Newly built barracks in LUSHNJE (continued)

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Comment.

The N.C.O.s lived in a house near the barracks and the officers in LUSHNJE.

LABOR ARMY.Newly Activated Labor Army.

With the recruitment which took place in January 15-25, 1958 of those exempted because of studies, family protectors, enemies of the people etc. from the area of LUSHNJE, TIRANA and BERAT, a Labor Army was activated and stationed in the newly built barracks near village DUSHK. Their duty was to clear that area and render it suitable for the cultivation of vines.

Identity Cards.

In certain hotels of TIRANA, DURRES and SHKODER

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the clerk of the hotel control identity card and marked

Comment.

this doesn't seem to be general measure

because in other hotels of TIRANA and

KAVAJE nothing was marked

STATE POLICE.Police sub-command in LUSHNJE.

A Police sub-command is stationed in LUSHNJE and which is under the ~~the~~ Police Command of BERAT.

Commander is Lt. Col. Nuci TIRA from POGRADEC.

There is also a Sigurimi Major (name unknown) who is in charge of the office of the branch of inte

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Police Sub-command in LUSHNJE (continued)

Strength and area of jurisdiction of this police sub-command unknown.

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Comment. The fact that the police commander in LUSHNJE is a high ranking officer is probably imperative for better security measures due to the existence of a forced labor camp in that area.

Armed villagers in BITINCKE.

Qemal Pipo KABO

Zenel Pipo Kabo

Selim Salih KABO

Hysen BUFI

Xhevair Male KABO

Zeqi Halit HOXHA

Veli Mustafa MULAI

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Comment.

the same people are still armed and there are further 50 armed villagers

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Number of Russian Air Force Officers in Albania increased.

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the Russian Air force officers in Albania increased in number after the Hungarian events and especially during 1957

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Second Lt. in company with Albanian Air officers getting into the TIRANA Officers' club which is in the road of KAVAJE.

A.A. Defense.

Positions of A.A. guns in the area of LUSHNJE.

On the summit 252 (CL 928-328) east of LUSHNJE A.A. guns have been put.

Details in this connection unknown

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ECONOMIC & POLITICAL INFO.

Education.

Primary School of BITINCKE

Village BITINCKE has a 7-year primary school with about 200 students and 7 teachers. Education is compulsory and free of charge.

Religion.

The inhabitants of village BITINCKE are all Moslems and are free to exercise their religious duties. They have a mosque and a hoxha (Moslem priest)

Hospital in BILISHT.

The 2-story house of Sabri Emin AJCE has been turned into a hospital in BILISHT. It has 8 rooms and about 60 beds. The personnel consists of 2

doctors and a number of nurses

There is no surgical

department. Other sections unknown

charge, only drugs are paid.

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Hospital in BILISHT (continued).

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Epidemic disease.

25% of the population ,especially youth, of Albanian cities is suffering of tuberculosis.

Organization and Admin of the A.C.P.

Organizations in village BITINCKE.

People's council.

Chairman : Zeki Halit HOXHA.

secretary and members unknown.

Organizata Baze (Local C.P.)

president : Hymit Saliko MULAJ.

Members unknown.

Democratic front organization.

Chief : Haxhi Cafer HOXHA.

All the inhabitants of the village, but the family of Nafiz TOPI, are members of this organization.

Propagandistic methods used by the communists to make youngsters join the Party.

Very often lectures are being given to the Albanian Youth by faithful communist members. Generally the speakers in such lectures give a most dark picture of the life of youngsters in the capitalistic countries,, saying that the government of these countries show a complete indifference towards the youth. Only the children of rich families are liable to hold important positions in the government etc. The poor unable to face the economic pressure are forced to form the working class of tomorrow.

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While in the communist countrie the same/^{thing}doesn't happen. On the contrary the youth is being taken care by the govermmet which shows special interest and makes great efforts in helping the youngsters and gffäring them education free of charge etc.

Morale of the people.

The Albanian population is much terrorized and desparate becauseof the economic misery. The population realizes now that the promises of the government to the effect that five years after they had taken over power the problem of life would be faced easely, were false. They realize with regret that the situation is becoming worse and worse every day.

This on one hand and the fact that nobody can protest against this situation, because he knows what's waiting for him, are the reasons for the very low morale of the Albanian population.

Foreign Missions.

In 1957 German agriculturists came to Albania and remained for a certain time assigned as advisers in the various cooperatives and then they returned to Germany again. (East Germany).

In the Albanian fams there are Bulgarian agriculturist advisers.

Economy.

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Monetary policy.

Since 1957 it was spread out that the money in circulation in Albania would be changed

Cooperative in village BITINCKE

Cooperative was imposed in village BITINCKE since 1956 members of which are all the inhäitants. Chief crops are, wheat, corn, sugar beets, aples, raisins and very little stock-farming products. Quantities produced ~~in 1956~~ since coopera was a decrease.

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11.- Food Situation.

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|--------------------|---|
| Bread (white) | 40 Lek per kilo - equals to 3 hours work. |
| " (brown) | 35 " " " " " " " " |
| Whole-meal bread | 25 " " " " " 2. $\frac{1}{2}$ " " |
| Oil | 230/280 " " " " 2 15/18 " " |
| flower 1st quality | 63 " " " " 4 " " |
| " 2nd " | 53 " " " " 3. $\frac{1}{2}$ " " |
| " 3rd " | 38 " " " " 2. $\frac{1}{2}$ " " |
| Butter (pure) | 400 " " " " 28 " " |
| Shoes 2nd quality | 3000 " the pair " 210 " " |

Workers' average salary is 120 Lek per day.

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12. Telecommunications.

[REDACTED] BITINCKE hasn't got neither post office nor cable office.

It is being served by the Post Office of BILISHT.

13.- Info. on towns and villages.Village BITINCKE.

This village has about 450 - 500 houses and approximately 2000 inhabitants. All are Moslem. There is no telephone. Water they get from wells and natural sources and electricity is conducted from BILISHT.

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